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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the comparative status with regard to women employment, State-wise ;

(b) the details of the schemes being formulated and implemented by the Government to create employment opportunities for them; and

(c) the amount allocated and released by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the amount utilised thereunder so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation.Last such survey, for which results are available, was conducted during 2004-05.As per these surveys, worker-population ratios on usual status basis have increased from 29.9% in 1999-2000 to 32.7% in 2004-05 for rural females and in case of urban females from 13.9% to 16.6%. State-wise details of worker- population ratios of female on usual status basis during 1999-2000 and 2004-05 are given in Annexure −I.

(b) Government is attempting employment generation through normal growth process of the economy as well as through special employment generation programmes. Details of Schemes for creation of employment opportunities including women are given in Annexure −II. Besides, Government is also implementing National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) presently in the 200 identified districts

(the number of districts will be raised to 330 in the coming year) of the country, which provides for at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household in the rural areas whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work .Rupees 11,300 crore was allocated for NREGS in 2006-07 BE. Under this scheme, up to December, 2006, of the 53.65 crore person-days of employment generated, 21.13 crore were for women.

(c) Trend of Public Expenditure allocated for Women-Union Budget for the year 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given below :